

**ADVISORY BOARD ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS
Board of Medicine
Thursday, October 7, 2010**

The Advisory Board on Physician Assistants met Thursday, October 7, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair
Thomas Parish, PA-C, Vice-Chair
Kishore Thota

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Marino, PA-C
James Potter, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: David Falkenstein, VAPA
Philip Cohen, PA-C

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Carlson called the meeting to order.

Let it be noted for the record that Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Evacuation Instructions prior to proceeding with the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum declared.

---DRAFT UNAPPROVED---

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED June 3, 2010

Ms. Carlson moved to approve the minutes dated June 3, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Parish moved to approve the adoption of the agenda, with the addition of “P.A’s and fluoroscopy”. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Brief orientation of Department and Board

Dr. Harp gave a synopsis of the functions of the Department, Board of Medicine and Advisory Board.

2. Draft 2011 Legislation-Changes to PA sections

Mrs. Yeatts discussed the draft that was sent to General Assembly in August.

3. Draft NOIRA on Physician Assistant regulations

Mrs. Yeatts explained the NOIRA asking for review of PA Regulations, Section IV, practice protocol/responsibilities of a supervisor, and the regulatory process. She stated that draft language should be ready for the February 2011 Advisory board meeting. Mr. Thota moved to forward the NOIRA to the Full Board on October 28, 2010. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Election of Officers

Mr. Parish moved to nominate Ms. Carlson as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.
Ms. Carlson moved to nominate Mr. Parish as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried

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5. P.A.'s and Fluoroscopy

Mr. Cohen asked the Advisory Board for consideration to allow physician assistants to use fluoroscopy. Dr. Harp explained that Virginia law does not allow physician assistants to operate equipment that emits ionizing radiation. He suggested that Mr. Cohen work with VAPA and the Virginia Chapter of the American College of Radiology to seek a change in the law to include physician assistants. It is possible that an amendment to the definition of radiologic technology in 54.1-2901 would suffice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

February 3, 2011

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Advisory board was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Rachel Carlson, PA-C, Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

ShaRon Clanton, Recording Secretary